



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Health Care Authority PEBB – Administrative Order #05-01

Subject of possible rule making: Amendments will be considered to rules related to administrative appeals for PEBB-sponsored benefits. Amendments under consideration will be limited to matters affecting HCA's administration of eligibility for PEBB-sponsored benefits and will not include the appeals process for actions taken by HCA contracted health plans governed by Title 48 RCW or the Patient Bill of Rights. HCA will also consider amendments to retiree and dependent eligibility and adopt or amend procedures related to continuation coverage and plan changes.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: WAC 182-16-040 and 182-16-050 are out of date and require amending. HCA is considering amendments or adoption of new rules related to retiree eligibility to effectuate changes to the federal Medicare Modernization Act (MMA). HCA will review rules in Title 182 WAC to clarify procedures related to continuation coverage and plan changes. Other amendments may also be considered, except that HCA will not amend employee eligibility in WAC 182-12-115 under this pre-proposal statement.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) stakeholder mailing and public rule making hearing

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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